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1. In mid-April 1951, the General Rear Service Bureau (Hu Pang Chong Kuk) of the North Korean army, had its headquarters approximately five miles south of Kangdong (126-05, 39-09) (BU 4837).<sup>1</sup>
2. Various sections of the bureau were in the following locations:
  - a. Staff Section, commanded by deputy bureau chief KIM Man-ju, at Kangdong.
  - b. Transportation Section, code names 531 and 534 Unit, at Moranpong, Pyongyang; detachments at Manpojin, Sinuiju, and Kanggye.
  - c. Ordnance Section, code name 516 Unit, with headquarters in Sunan (125-41, 39-12) (ID 3242).
  - d. Security Section, headed by KIM Song-hwan,<sup>2</sup> code name 591 Unit,<sup>3</sup> with headquarters at Moranpong, Pyongyang. Detachments are in West Pyongyang, Chunghwa (125-48, 38-52) (ID 4305); Sopo (125-44, 39-05) (ID 3629); Sariwon; Sinuiju; Sunan; Pakchon (123-53, 40-26) (DV 9075); and Pyatha (126-24, 40-47) (BA 9517).

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1. Comment. According to [REDACTED] in August 1950 CH'OE Yong-kon, North Korean Minister of National Defense, was promoted to the position of commander of the rear services, after a dispute with KIM Il-song and KIM Ch'ak in which CH'OE advocated a withdrawal of troops to the 38th Parallel. In mid-November CHANG Si-u replaced CH'OE as commander of the rear services.

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2. Comment. No characters were received with this name.

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3. Comment. SAU Report 34-5-51 from ROK G-2, 26 April, states that the 591 Unit is a supply and security unit, in the P'yongyang area, commanded by Lt. Colonel YI Han-kun.

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